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## PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants herewith petition for a one month extension of time to respond to the outstanding Office Action, issued June 22, 2004, up to, and including, October 22, 2004. Applicants believe the fee for a small entity is \$55.00. The Commissioner is authorized to charge the required fee, as well as any other deficiencies associated with these papers, to Deposit Account 11-0980.

Respectfully submitted,

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